Bara no Tameni

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Episode 13 :
Each one's Maze

My manager has located Yuri
Here s the address and phone number

I know him
He's from here
Here too
Shonen Jump
Nekok ch ?
What a weird name
Momoya Nekok ch
His works cover hentai to shoujo even homosexual series
He is able to draw literally any kind of series
or that is what they say
Momoya Nekok ch
A popular manga artist who draws 300 pages per month

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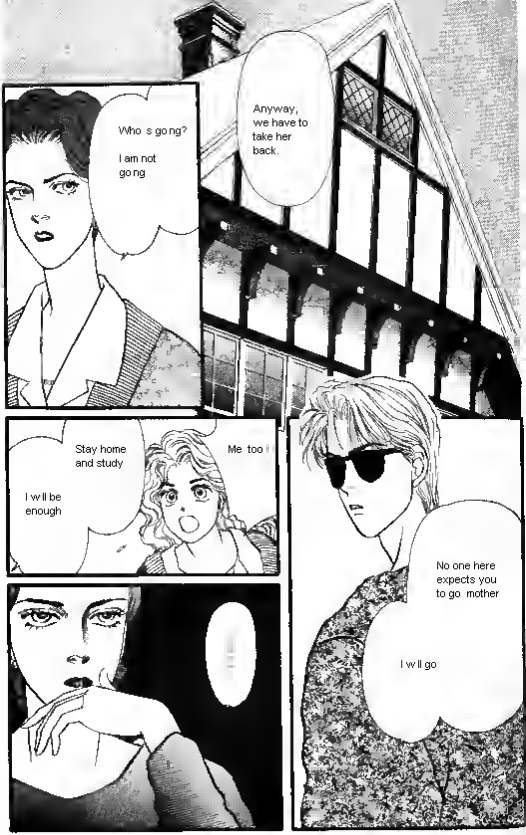
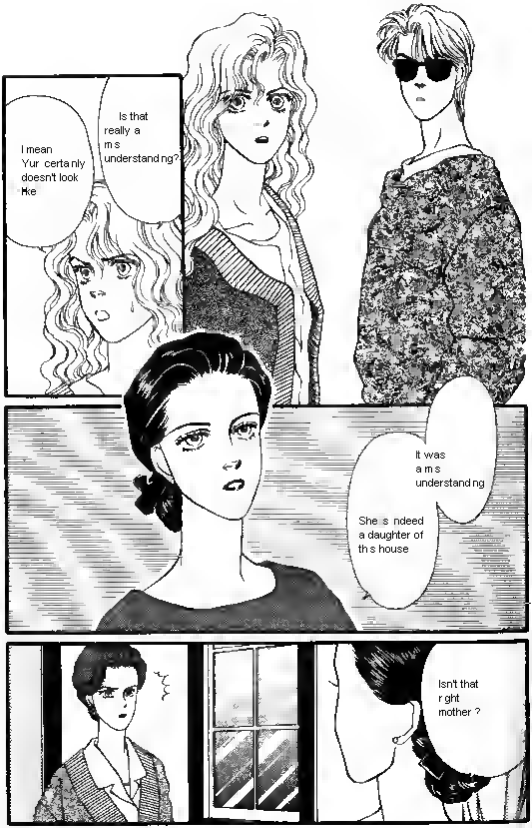
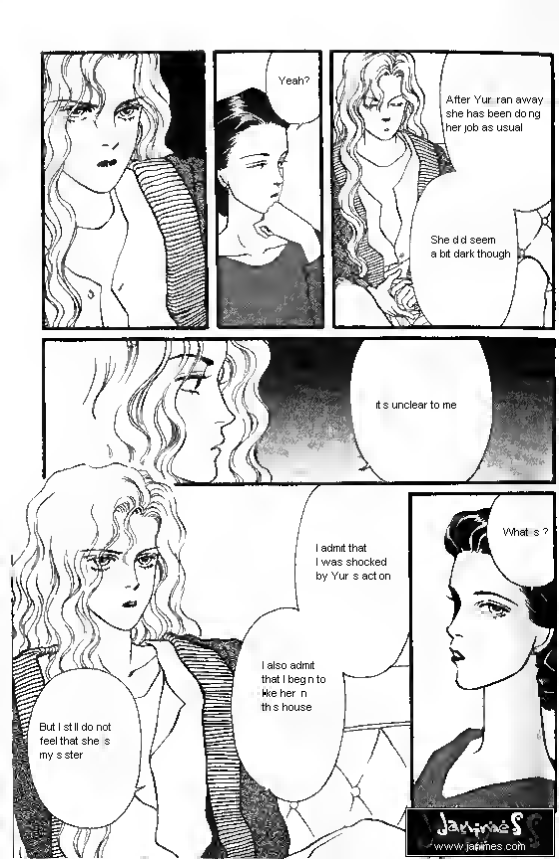

Anyway, we have to take her back.
Who s go ng?
I am not go ng
Stay home and study
I w ll be enough
Me too !
No one here expects you to go mother
I w ll go

Why s that ?
But do not ask Yur why she ran away
I am f ne wth you go ng
Sum re !
She m sunderstood that
she s not a daughter of th s house


I mean Yur certa nly doesn't look ke
Is that really a m s understand ng?
It was a m s understand ng
She s ndeed a daughter of th s house
Isn't that r ght mother ?

Yes !
It s just like what she sad So just bring her back !
Don't deny now
Where s the mad ?
Ok
Tell Yur that I will explan everything


Yeah?
After Yur_ran away she has been do ng her job as usual
She d d seem a bit dark though
it s unclear to me
What s ?
I admit that I was shocked by Yur s act on
I also admit that I beg n to like her n th s house
But I st ll do not feel that she s my s ster
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He may do
But not me
Sumire strongly
believes that
she is his
sister
Are you hiding
something from
us?
First of all you and
mother have been
acting strange
since Yuri ran
away
It looks to me you
two are trying to
push that Yuri is
our sister

Of course we are hiding something from you
Huhu
You act like an idiot normally But I see that you can be sharp sometimes
There is no reason to push the idea
And it s not something we d like you to know
However
Because she is indeed a daughter of this house

Shopping ?
Ah
Yuri ?
She s not here r ght
now
She went to shopp ng

Brother?

Who's at door ?
Ah
A man who clams to be Yuri s brother is here

Looks like she s out Allow me to wait inside until she comes back

No
Awesome
Are those lens ?

I am sorry to tell you but that is not going to be easy
Yes
So? You came here to bring her back?
She doesn't want to go back.
She doesn't seem to think that you are her family
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The truth s that I don't want her to go
What I am about to say s very mportant
Yes, that s the problem It was a m sunderstand ng
But It w ll be resolved once we talk to her
You see we are n love -

You will have to go through me first
You don't look like you believe me
Anyway if you want her back...
I need you to at least swear that you will take care of her properly
If you do not want to let go of her for whatever reason you have
I suppose you have your own reasons
And it seems to me that you are making up some story
It will be easy to beat you up
But that won't mean nothing when Yuri's not here

If you do anything indecent to her, I will beat you up.
She is my only younger sister !
SLAM !
Hmm...
I w ll come back

I never said I didn't want to go back
Yes ?!
I said I couldn't go back even if I wanted !
And who loves who ?! Why did you lie ?!
I figured so

I really don't know why you ran away from your home
And that so called brother looked noth ng l ke you
so I f gured that you m ght be from d fferent blood
F gured
and he sa d to me that f I dd anyh ng ndecent to you he d beat me up
And then I told h m that we were n love with each other
He sa d he was your brother
Color of h s face changed and then he grabbed me by collar
And then told me that you were h s only younger s ster

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All there left s for you to go back
Is it really all r ght for me to go back ?
Why not ?
He sa d he d come back
So pack your belong ngs

Even if you do go back
would you still be in charge of food for us ?
It will be just a job
I have a favor to ask you though
I am not sure
but happy anyway
s a n c e guy right?
Mr Nekokich
Actually I've been wanting to go back for sometime
I will go back now
But things in reality don't always go as expected

Forget about her !
Now she s abus ng it
I was try ng to be n ce to her
She doesn't want to come back ?
Fine then !
Where s Sum re and Ao ?
Huyou !
You are the bad one !
Yeah?
Ao has un versity exams com ng by So he s study ng
Sum re hasn't been sleep ng much lately So he went to bed

Because she s ndeed your daughter
Say what?
How can you le ke that so smoothly!
She s ndeed a daughter of th s famly
Yur was born from Makurano Ich rou and Sakura Moeko s affa r
She s completely a stranger to me She s not my daughter
I don't know how much youknow
But that s enough
I don't care whether she comes back or not!
Yur knows that now I don't have any ntent on to act ke her mother anymore

Mother s first husbands who s also my father
Knew someth ng
After I found mother s notepad I d d my share of research ng
Snce you brought it up let s make th s clear
it was that mother was the one who broke the marr age by hav ng an affar
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That's !
I didn't start it !
Kusanagi said he wanted to leave Sakurai
And the man you had an affair with was a man whom Sakura Moeko wanted to be married to
A man named Kusanagi
They died from an accident later on
Yes. Sakurai had an affair with Makurano as well
We both had an affair
Yes. to you it was probably a play
And Sakura gave birth to Yuri

You w ll never know
I admit that I d d n't do the r ght th ng
But you d never know how I felt when Makurano brought a baby to me say ng that the baby was between Sakura and h m
But the problem s that
You also had a baby n you
F ne, let s say I w ll never know
it was Ao wasn't it
Ao s Kusanagi s ch ld sn't he

He said that the date didn't match at all
On paper, he's supposed to be your 4th husband's son
I asked him and he said no
A lazy girl like you sure went very far
Then I thought he might be Makurano's child
But then he was traveling at that time
Yes, Aoi is Kusanagi's child.
So what?
It doesn't change the fact that Yuriis not my daughter

It all depends on whether the one who knows the secret will expose it or not
I cannot back up what I have in my mind after that point
In another word it's just my guess
Right ?

What
Yuri's father is not Mr Makurano, is it ?
Yuri's Sakurai and Kusanagi's child isn't she ?
Makurano told me clearly that...
Wait ! Enough with this !

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I promised with Mr. Makurano that I'd never tell anyone about this
But I see I cannot keep my word now
This is a letter given by Ms. Sakura when she was alive
It explains all

Suicide ?
Mr Makurano was taking care of her
Mr Kusanag had a marriage deal going on at that time
He wasn't in a position to accept Yuri
We are not going to suicide for real
We are just going to try If this doesn't work I am going to give up
I beg you Mr Makurano I cannot ask Syouko about this
Just 2 or 3 days
Why not ?

I w ll come back
Just n case th s causes a m sunderstand ng I wrote a letter to Syouko s mad
Kusanag has nfluence on Syouko
Ms Sakurai !
I will come back !

Why ?
But they never came back
They should have returned
I am not sure whether it was an acc dent or ntent onal
Because
he wanted to leave you
Why did Makurano not tell me that it was not his child ?!
If he was just taking of her, why didn't he just tell me ...

You left the house after Ms. Sakura's death
And the media was beginning to be nosy about your affair with a new boyfriend
Of course I went to see Mr. Makurano
Mr. Makurano... which is more important to you, your wife or other child?
You registered her to be your daughter?
What

I am
I am about to go nsane
Or perhaps
I've gone nsane already

Syouko gets along with anyone very well
It is just a game to her
It is her talent
She trusts me fully That s why she can enjoy safely
Compared to her, I am too ordinary
Besides, because I love her too much,
I am unable to see what is jealousy and toleration.
I don't have the capacity to accept her free will

I will end up murdering her
I am afraid to think of my life without her
But if she keeps being with me like this
I sound like a coward, don't I ?
And
Yes that will be better
I'd rather be this child's father and be hated

If she hates me
When my time runs out and no longer be n th s world
She won't feel sorrow

But is related to Aoi.
Their mothers are different.
So, Yuri is
a stranger to Sumire and me.
You did good
Who's there ?!
So she's of course ndeed
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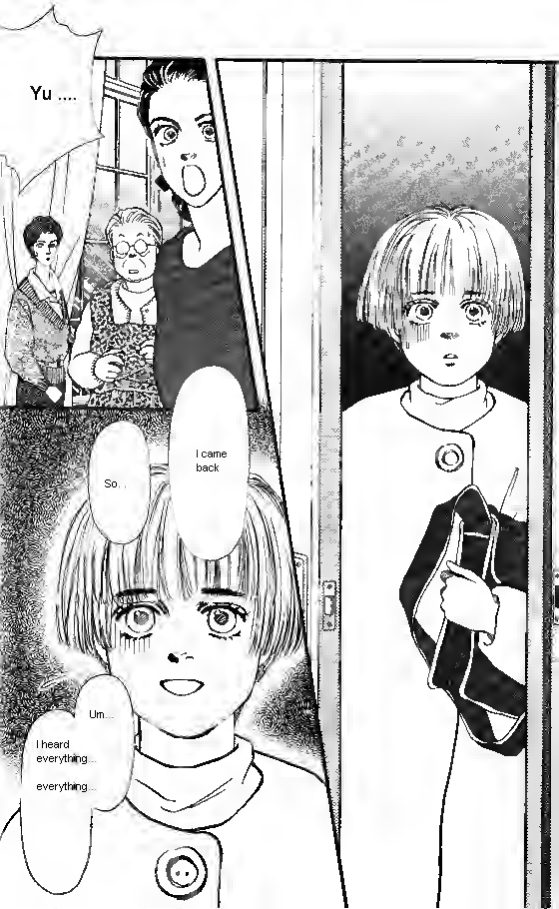
Yu ....
I came back
So..
Um...
I heard everything..
everything..

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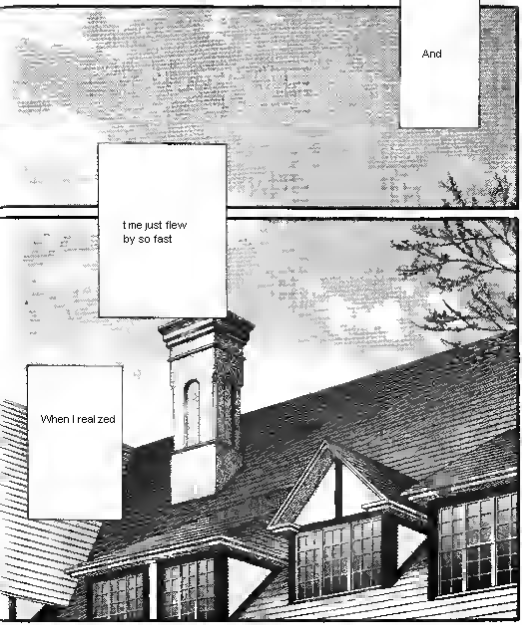
Scent of flowers


And
t me just flew
by so fast
When I real zed

What? you have a problem with that?
And Ao was a university student
I was already 19 years old
it's here
Tax ?
Yawn—
Everyone was
just the same as before
The snow was gone as well

Flowers bloomed too
What s it? That was sure a deep s gh
Sigh ~

When I came back to home
What mother said was
Correct
I feel like what mother said s still staying n here
She said so
and
Why did you come back ?! You have no shame !
Don't you dare to expect to be treated like a daughter of mine just because you are related to Aoi !
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She says something like that all the time
Because that's her
She's capable of speaking so
I figured she might say something like that considering her personality but still
Of course
To even you ?
And she said that to 7-year old me
"I should have never given birth to a daughter like you" she said
Don't expect motherly love simply because I am your mother she said

and she cr ed
I had to apolog ze rather
I ve never sa d such
How mean you are
Do you have a grudge aga nst me ?
And when I asked her about what she sa d some time later she became angry
I bet t s very hard to f nd someone who l ves the way exactly they want l ke her
But
I really don't know how I should l ve n th s house
Don't m nd what she sa d If you do you w ll be the only one who w ll get hurt
She just lets out whatever s n her head

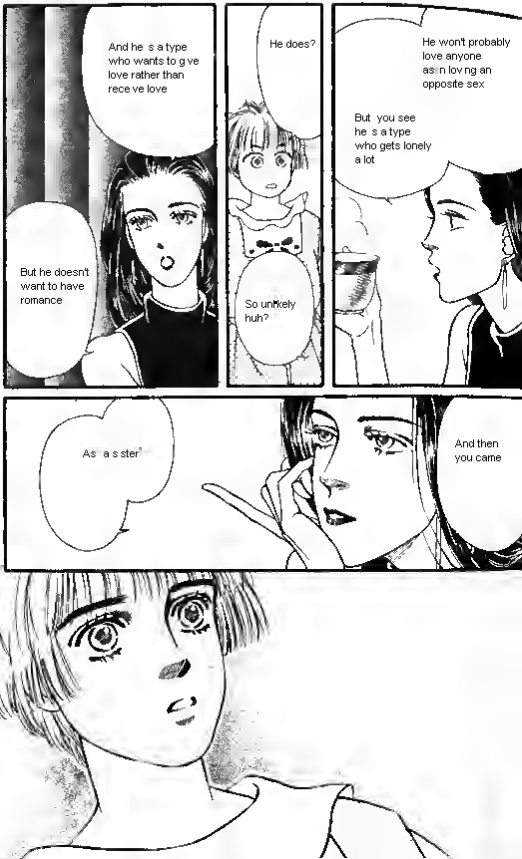
I may be Ao's brother by a different mother
We all are related by half
Idiot if you are concerned about that how about this
Doesn't that sound familiar ?
Ah... you are right
Yes I am
But Huyous s
Why ?
Why do we need to hide the fact that I am not mother's daughter to Sumire or Hisan and Ao ?

It's ok for Aoi.
But Sumire needs you.
Why don't I just tell everything...
Huh?
And you must be "a sister" to him
It will mean nothing otherwise

Because they think you are a girl.
Why do I have to be asked for dates and receive love letters from guys ?
Grrrr
You go home I am go ng to go to a bookstore
It s not Ike I put on makeup or wear ng a sk rt
Take a good look at yourself n a m rror and speak aga n
In what aspect do I look Ike a g rl ?

Damn I should get taller or something
Hmmph
There are a lot of men with long hair
And pretty men as well
Let s find something to eat
Um Huyou one san
What we talked about before
Ah hungry

I didn't notice until you came
What ?
What do you mean Sumire on san needs me?
To put it simply,
He wants to love someone very badly
What ?!
He won't love anyone
But he loves his dead fiancee!


And he s a type who wants to g ve love rather than rece ve love
But he doesn't want to have romance
He does?
So unlikely huh?
He won't probably love anyone as n lov ng an opposite sex
But you see he s a type who gets lonely a lot
As a s ster?
And then you came

It was Sumire who wanted to bring you back the most when you ran away
I was surprised as well
Why can't he be satisfied with a brother !
That idiot
Now you mention it
My only sister he said
If you tell him now that you are not his sister
See ?
Sumire trusts that you are his sister completely

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I think I just overheard something really bad ...
You are related to only Ao!
Why
...Why
Why does it have to be only me ....?!

Besides it's better for you to be a sister to him
Because he won't look at another woman
Yeah
He said that to me before
Damn it! I am the only miserable one here!!
I thought... I thought that it wouldn't be me who'd be related to her !!!

I am not sure what makes a family
It could be amount of time spent together
Or simply the blood
But I think this family has its own deal for determining its members
Don't you think it'd be interesting to walk along with our path ?

I feel like I have hope again
Yeah
I think there will be a place for me in this house after listening to you
I feel like my strength is coming back
Because
It's good that you are getting your strength back but why are you crying?
Yeah
It would be
Yes

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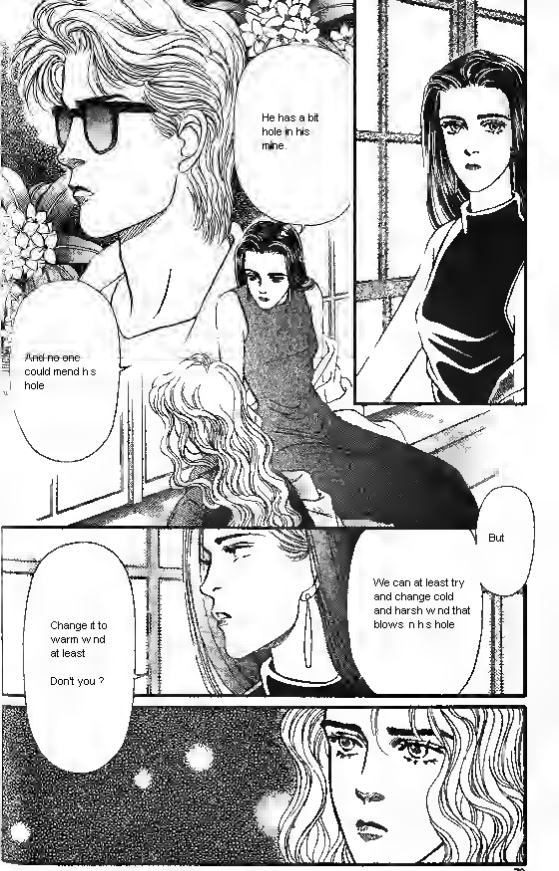
Ah I need to get laundry
And thanks to that I am very m serable r ght now
I sure d d
D d you l sten well?
Phew

I swear I will !
No
Do you think I won't tell Sumire about this ?
Why wouldn't I tell him ?!
If I tell him that she is not his sister, he'd never look at her or even glance at her again !
You may be a hot blooded idiot
But you do care for Sumire
Think

He did nothing
He didn't sleep
He didn't smile
He was simply miserable
You do know how he was for a year after he lost his fiancee
You did watch how he was with your own eyes
Stop it
I don't want to think about it again
As if he was rotting alive
How many times did you have to stop him ?
He would suddenly shout in middle of night and would run out of home
I don't remember !
I said stop !


He has a bit hole in his mine.
And no one could mend his hole
But
We can at least try and change cold and harsh wind that blows in his hole
Change it to warm wind at least
Don't you ?

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Z z
Z z
Mmm

You do like Sumire don't you ?
What are you doing here, Aoi ?! I think you were a ghost !
Ack !
You like Sumire so much that you are all right to be his sister forever right ?
What ?
So you love him And you are prepared to act like his sister forever
What are you saying, Aoi ?
Even though you know that you are not connected to him by blood

I am sleep ng with you
What ?
Move a bit
Ao
Why not? We are brother and s ster
What ?!
Why ?!
Whenever Sum re s drunk he wants to sleep with you
Maybe I w ll sleep with you every n ght

What the
Of course I am
Are you joking ?!
If three of us sleep together noth ng w ll happen just n case
You are ugly
Bulls eye
And fat
Hey you
I am noth ng I ke you
But suddenly I've been related to you wth an unbreakable cha n

I already have a pretty yet mean one
Sorry I w sh I was a prett er s ster
Blood s such a nasty word
It s not ke I wanted t to happen
Parents brothers s sters

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Easy go ng you are
Eh
I I am glad to have a pretty brother Ike you Ao
Are you really go ng to sleep here ?
Well I feel Ike sleep ng with another woman So it s f ne
What s really cruel s that

I
I th nk
The reason why I hoped not toe be related to her was that
It s shocking that a pretty guy Ike me s related to that fatty grl by blood
Yeah that alone s shocking enough already
I think I like the fatty

Isn't incest something much more cool ?
What's wrong...
What the hell is wrong with me !!!
I didn't have to like her There are lots of other women n ths world !
Bes des
Ao

The one she loves s
Not me !
What s worse s that
She says that I am her brother
But she doesn't see me as a man
Um
Damn you Damn you !
Damn you, friggin' fatty !
Aoi ?! What's wrong with you ?!
EEEEEK !

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My only love is Sumire !
So what ?!
It still doesn't mean it is morally right !
He s having a walk
Uh? That s Sumire on san out there

He s havng a walk n mddle of nght ?
Sumire used to ...
Flowers?
eat flowers
After h s fancee ded..
when a season of blossomng came
He began to eat a flower nearby
And then another

Hole?
He wanted to mend h s hole
a hole in his mind.
He wanted something to fill his hole.
Why
How about you Aoi?
Me ?

Sumire!
Please!
I beg you!
Please get a hold of yourself!!
Can you not see me in your eyes?
While you've watched him and supported him
you must have created your hole too
Because you were not loved by the one you wanted
Aoi, how are you going to mend your hole?

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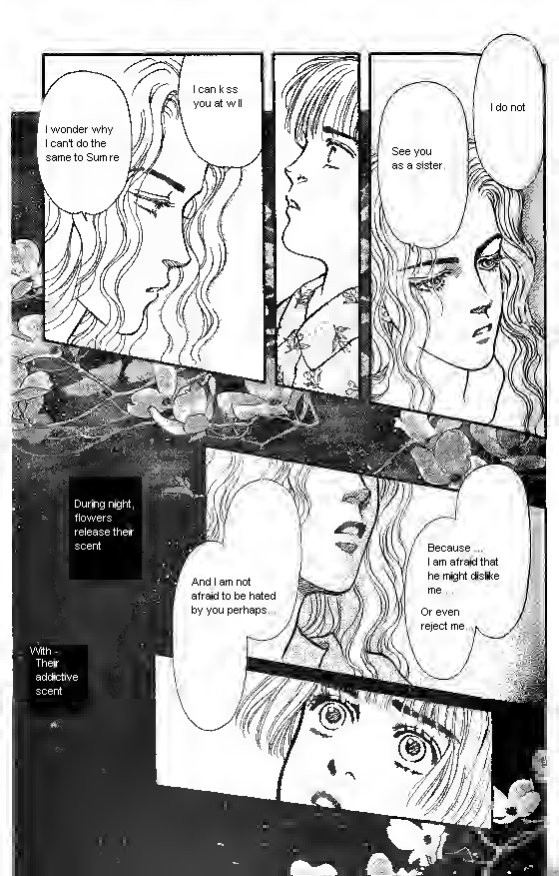
I want to be loved as a s ster
Sum re onisan only sees me as only a s ster anyway That s a fact
So
At least
But honestly
I am not conf dent at all
I honestly don't know how long I can act like a s ster
Ao and I are bas cally the same


I wonder why I can't do the same to Sumire
I can kiss you at will
I do not See you as a sister.
During night, flowers release their scent
With - Their addictive scent
And I am not afraid to be hated by you perhaps...
Because ... I am afraid that he might dislike me ... Or even reject me...

I am probably drunk by the scent
I can sence their scent
S stop
Ao
The night gets darker and deeper.

It makes me enjoy the very moment
I can sence them com ng
It makes me close my eyes
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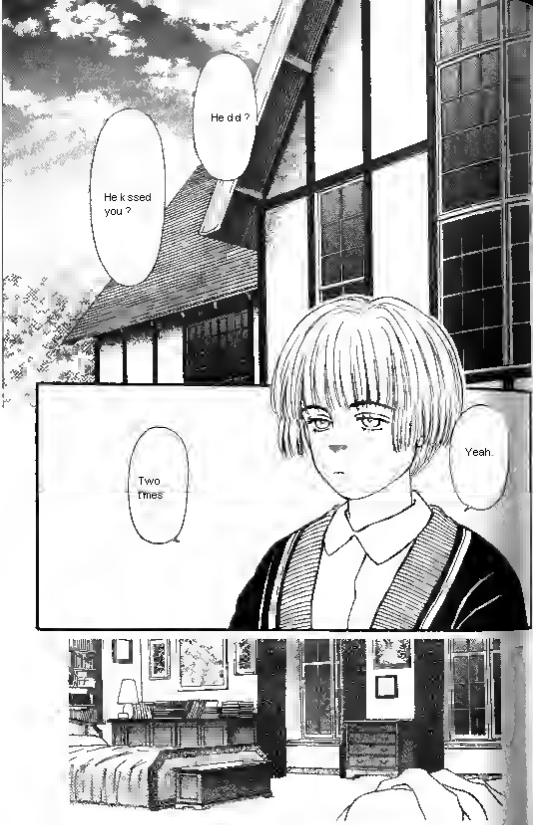
Episode 15 Conditions to be loved

I wished to be born like this woman.


He did ?
He kissed you ?
Yeah.
Two times

So ?
Maybe he really needs to get some
So ?
Did you feel anything ?
How was it ?
I felt like a lesbian
No
I was just shocked and

It doesn't matter really
It's not like you get pregnant for kissing
Don't laugh
Hahahaha sucks for you isn't it
Ah...
You'd feel how I feel if you were kissed forcefully !
Don't joke !
Maybe it can be fun
everyday might be refreshing

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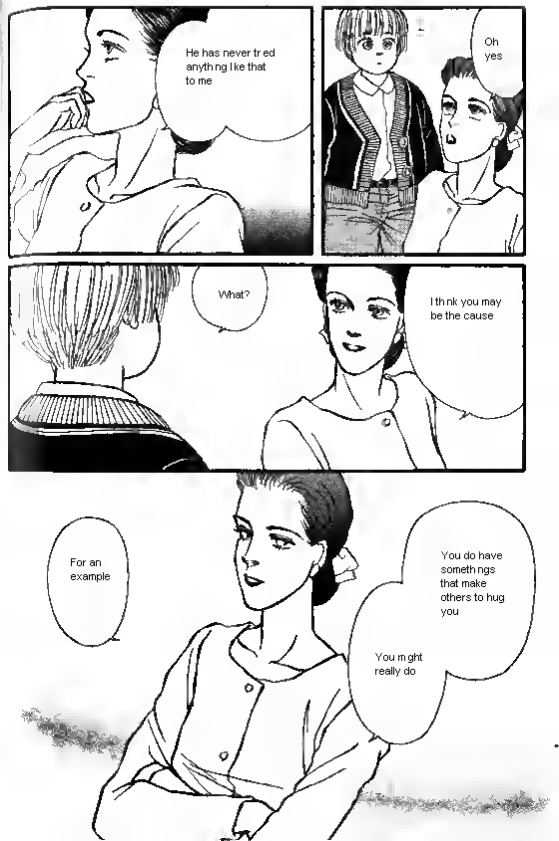
He has never tr ed anyth ng l ke that to me
Oh yes
What?
I th nk you may be the cause
For an example
You do have someth ngs that make others to hug you
You m ght really do

I bet it feels good to hug you
Warm and soft
My what ?
Your chubby figure
And even if you fight no one will think that they will loose against you
Even if you get angry you are not scary at all
And you act like a fool sometimes
Uh
Uh
Uh
And you are short
Hmmph
Fine, I am fat

I am cute ?
In another word
You are cute in a comfortable way
Do you know wh ch elements need to be there for people to feel cute for someone?
Someth ng or someone c rcular
Soft
Small
Powerless
Warm
B g eyes

Although the last element s my personal opn on
The rest were sc ent f cally proven facts for pets
And a little bit of stup dity
People want to hug them at t mes
Dog cat p g baby bear and the l ke
Pets ?!
Oh you look l ke you have someth ng to say

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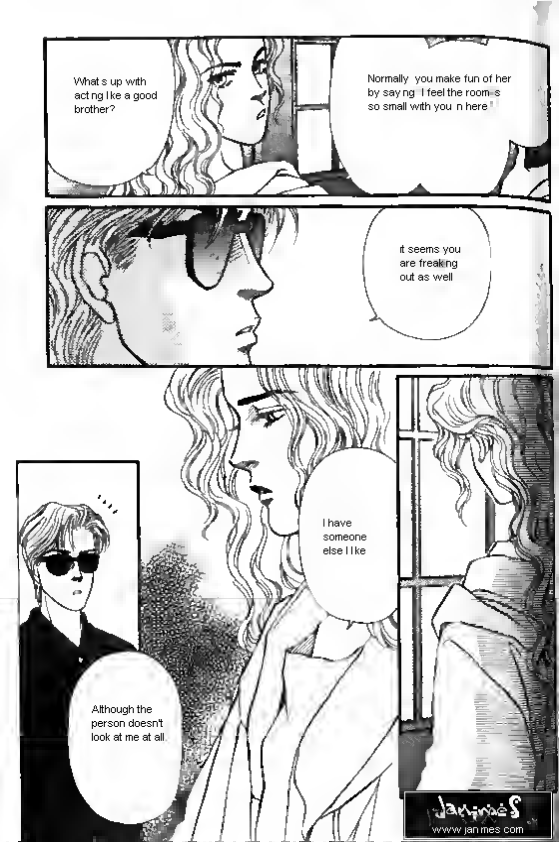
Why are you shaking?
You see me as only some stove or guilt !
Shouldn't I ?!
You have a nice on your face.
What?
Here ! This line !
Do not come past this line !
You weren't reacting nicely to the kiss.

Aaaack !
I got fooled again !
I can't be careless for a second
Right here
Kiss
I am hungry !
I saw
I don't care !
Why don't you eat the refrigerator ?

You were kssng Yur
So what I kissed on her cheek
Its not a b g deal
Don't change the subject!
Sum re you are home early
And she was refus ng
Do you th nk what you d d was morally r ght ?
I am not talk ng about that
In her room, and in m ddle of n ght

And it was a deep kiss
Anyway, you
Sumire you did that too
After the house cleaning
When ?!
Of course you don't
You don't remember anything while you are drunk
But I don't remember anything !

Huyou saw it as well
If you don't believe me ask Yur
Stop
You can't scold me
I may have been drunk but you weren't
Don't change the subject
If I touch Yur
What are you freaking out for?
someth ng you don't want w ll happen or someth ng?


What s up with act ng l ke a good brother?
Normally you make fun of her by say ng I feel the room s so small with you n here!
it seems you are freaking out as well
I have someone else I l ke
Although the person doesn't look at me at all.
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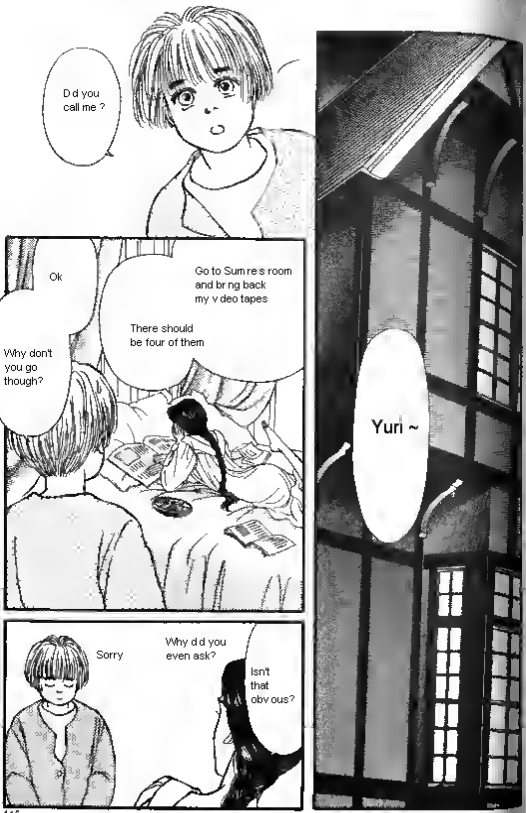
Just for fun ?
What about Yuri then ?
There are times I want to trick her
And there are times I just want to hug her
Maybe
Maybe not
When I miss warmth of others
she's often there with in my reach
I am not sure

Well, I am a pervert.
Perhaps, it was my body that wanted some.
My definition is not the abolsute of course.
Besides, it is you.
If it was for fun, so be it.
A brother and a sister may express their love the way they want.
If it was some stranger who kissed Yuri,
I would have beaten crap out of him.
I think I am somewhat possessive.

Even when she is just a fatty...
Just because she is "a sister"....
Shoot,
Being a sister is darn good.
I would have already raped you
If you were my sister,
I should have born as a female
That should be my line !
Dude, stop jok ng w ll you?


Did you call me ?
Yuri ~
Go to Sumire's room and bring back my video tapes
There should be four of them
Ok
Why don't you go though?
Why did you even ask?
Isn't that obvious?
Sorry

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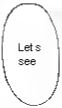
Ah..
they are on my desk
Take them
See ?

It s me Yuri
Huyou onesan
wants her v deo
tapes back

But he s my
brother
I guess I should
try to act naturally


Let s
see

He told me
to take them
So I guess
It s alright
I should
be alright

Ah
TAPE
IN
The last one
must be n
the VCR

She sa d
there were
four
I see only
three on
h s desk

What's happening ?
Which button ?
Why do there have to be so complcated machnes ?
No, no.
Gve me what you have n your stomach
Ah no. not play
Gve me
Sumre

Don't record this
This s
This woman is

Don't look
She s my fancee

I was told there were four
Sorry
I couldn't f d the last one So
Now, leave
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So that was
h s dead f anceee
Ser

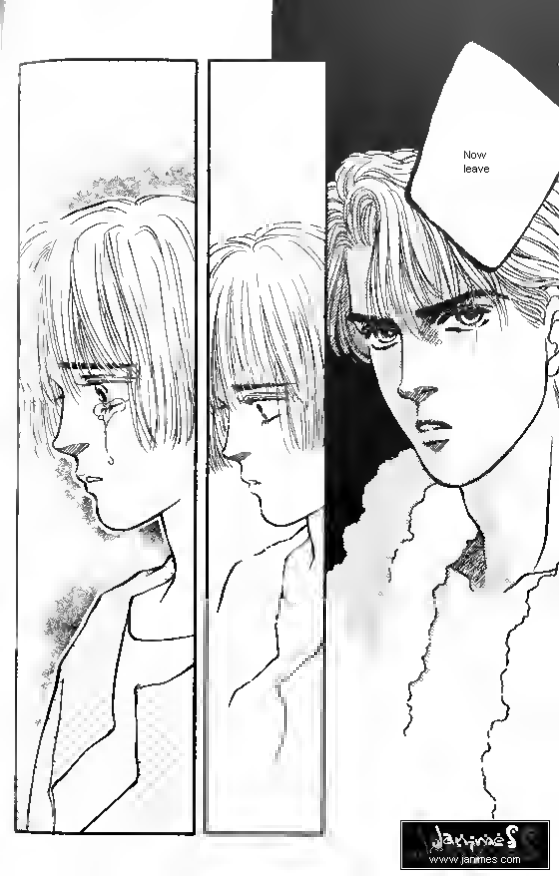
She seemed
like a very
nice person
Besides
I was told
that she was
pretty
But I didn't expect
her to be
Don't look

It was a voice of a man who was still in love

His voice was

sharp and grave

With this eyes,
With his heart,
He s still in love
There is only one !



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Now,
leave.

What s up?
Move a bit
I am go ng to sleep next to you

But I am lonely
You told me that don't cross the line crap
Huh?
What what are you saying?
Did something happen ?
I can't seem to get warm by myself now
You are my brother Come on be my stove for a night

But those only
tr gger protect ve nstinct
What are you talk ng about ?
Circular shape
warm soft
What are you talk ng about ?
Do you know what there need to be to be def ned as cute by others?
a m racle
I th nk I Love s

I wonder how it feels like to be loved by someone you love
Lov ng someone who actually loves you from heart
Someone who feels exactly how I d feel
someone like that
Why
Why d d I
Why d d I have to lke Sum re on san
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I will do there's a nice on your cheek trick if you become any more careless than this
I am really one of those who have no idea where they stand.
Sorry
I shouldn't rely on you on this matter
I momentarily forgot that you like Sumire on san as well

When I am born next time
I shall be pretty
Whatever natural beauty s not someth ng you can make it happen with effort ndeed though
Personality and being stupid
Can be improved if I try really hard
I d dn't say it was you
That s mean You don't have to say that out loud
Yeah you are r ght When I see beaut ful and yet dumb women I f nd them cute But when I see ugly and yet dumb women I want to beat crap out of them

It is no wonder that he loves her so much still...
She was... really something.
I saw Sumire onisan's fianceee for the first time today.
What n the world are you talking about ?
Let s be born as Ser onesan
When we are born next t me
Ao

No more one s ded love
We w ll be born as Ser onesan
And
everyone
Will be
Happy
Zzz

When we are born next t me
If we are born as the same person either of us w ll have to d sappear
You are supposed to be my r val
Your flaw s that you are too good of a person
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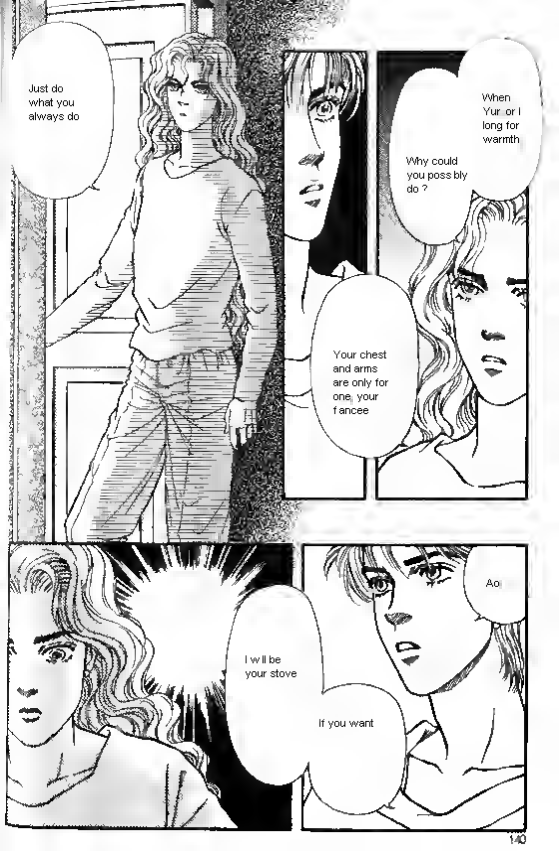
Hey, Yur s not n her room. Do you
I fear you may go over the lne
I guess that can be one of ways to express your brotherly love
But how about fndng a new way ?
Ao..
Can I see you for a moment ?
Say what ?
Are you jealous ?

But Yur s d fferent
Our fam ly members are we rd
Ao
You and I are no except ons
And we ve been together for only one year
And my younger s ster
She s a s mple g rl
And she s your older s ster
So what
Yur has somebody else n her mnd

Why s it not my bus ness?
She came here a moment ago cry ng
I am a stove ton ght
it s none of your bus ness. Sum re
Who s l v ng n here ?
Don't be too greedy
Your head and heart are full of your dead f ancee
Yet you want a toy?


Just do what you always do
When Yur or I long for warmth
Why could you poss bly do ?
Your chest and arms are only for one, your f ancee
Ao
I w ll be your stove
If you want

You've never asked me for anything
Yet you complain about this
It's not fair
But
Have you ever come to me asking for help ?
If I told you who I am in love with
You wouldn't be able to say that
You
Are you implying you are having a dangerous relationship ?
Yuri...too?

Who is the bastard ?!
Who made my sister cry !!
I ain't joking !
If you are not going to tell me, I am going to ask Yuri right now
Sumre !
What are you just standng there for?

One day everyone will be
Will be
Why are you so nosy in the middle of night ?
??
What
Sumire is really "a bro"
I didn't say that
Hey, Yuri Sumire is joining us !
What ?
It's just one-sided love
One day

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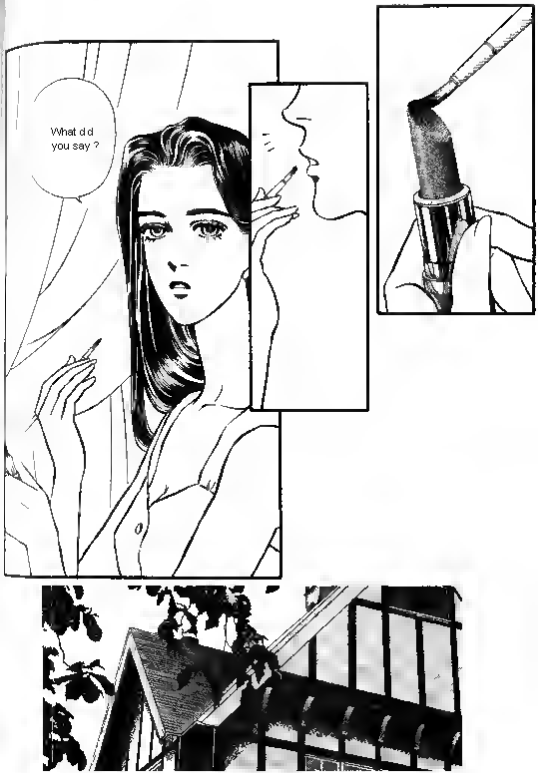
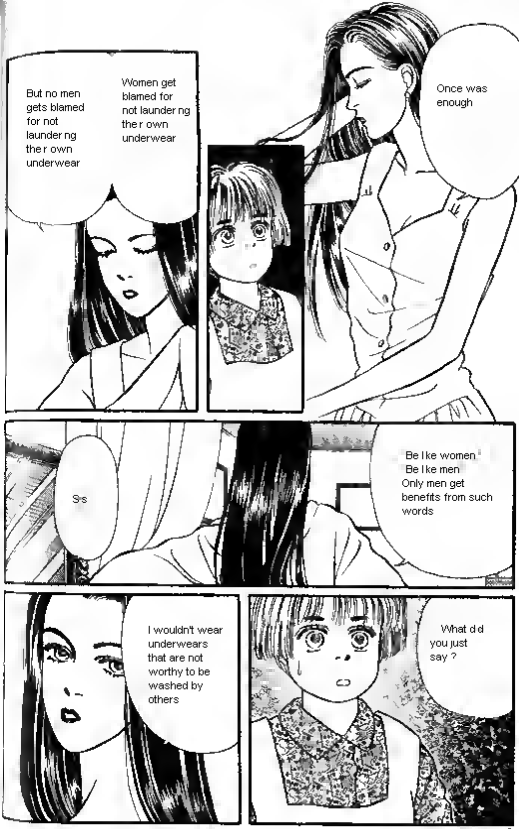
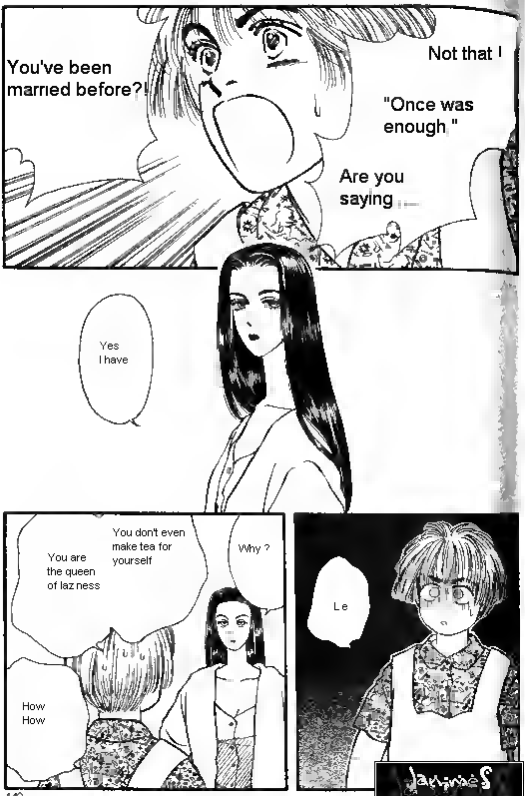

What did you say ?

Ah yeah ?
"You are beautiful" I said
And it simply amuses me that such a beautiful person like you lets me launder your underwear
Thanks for the compliment
Aren't you ashamed of yourself ?
You will never get married if you are like this
Your beauty won't matter !
I don't need to


But no men gets blamed for not launder ng ther own underwear
Women get blamed for not launder ng ther own underwear
Once was enough
S-s
Be like women
Be like men
Only men get benefits from such words
I wouldn't wear underwears that are not worthy to be washed by others
What did you just say ?


You've been married before?!
Not that !
"Once was enough."
Are you saying...
Yes I have
You don't even make tea for yourself
Why ?
You are the queen of laz ness
How How
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And she has marr ed for four t mes
There s noth ng wrong wth me hav ng marr ed once
Nope
Have you even seen mother mak ng tea for herself?
Still, how ?!
Is it someth ng to be surpr sed ?
But no one told me !

She does far faster and better than me
Cooking laundery cleening and everything
She can
Besides she can't do any house work
Because if she does I won't have a job in this house
She doesn't do housework even when she can ?

I am one of few 67 year old person who s stll employed
A career woman so to speak
And for so I am stll n charge of house chores n th s house
Proud to say so
But still
No matter how I look she s s mply a lazy person to my eyes
In another word Huyou onesan s not dong any house chores n order not to take away the job from her ?

Yes, I am a lazy person with determ nat on
I don't want to do it so I let others to do it for me

Who were you marr ed to ?
I assume you came back to th s house after you got a d vorce?

I guess the man was either a very understand ng person
or those who only go for looks
I am nterested
Why do you ask ?

Then what kind of man was he ?
Don't be stupid if he was a very understanding person he wouldn't have divorced me
And if he was those who go for looks he wouldn't have let me go
So it was an arranged marriage ?
But
What do you mean so ?
You are quite persistent
There's no way could you have loved anyone
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Can't you get it ?
Th nk about it A lazy person ke me d d house chores and every other stuff w llngly
you d d ?
If it wasn't love and pretty deep love m nd you
Do you th nk I would have bothered to do it ?
Huyou onesan loved someone ?

Huh?
He was just a ordnary salary man
He he must have been a very nce man
Snce you loved hm
He wasn't the most popular guy but he wasn't unpopular He was a hardworkng man
And a cheerful man
Bas cally he was a man who was tryng to be a man
We met n an un versity and got marr ed soon after graduat on
He was 25 I was 22
Why ?
We d d. or I d d the best to keep up
But 3 years was all I could last

He had mother complex.

He had a reason to try hard to be a man
But you said he was cheerful and

Then what?
Don't m sunderstand though He wasn't those who say I need my mom
Tell me !
Ach I am t red
Good n ght
So=
There are men who tend to see
women as a symbol of mother
And say non-condit onal love

Those kind of men
He was one of them
They fool around all they want and be out as much as they want
Yet they still expect their wives to wait for them at home quetly and willingly as if it is obvious
it was mother complex
Women should blah blah
he talked as if it is only obvious
No one thought that his true face was a baby inside
So he was quite manly and imposing
When will they realize that non conditional love can only be established between mothers and their sons?
Him makes sense
Besides those type of men are usually familymen on surface

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There is a saying that becoming what a husband wants you to be is the happy way and makes a happy family overall.
Blah to that. It was a trap.

Well, I loved him and married.
So, I tried to be the type of woman he wanted me to be.

But it made the whole situation even worse.
Well, it may have worked if it was a proper man.

His father was a professor
His mother was

Wasn't he the first son ?
Yes, he was the only son

At first I thought she was a very understanding person
But the fact was that she was depressed to lose her son to me
So, the mother lived together?
No, I lived separately And that's what the mother suggested
Her son was everything the mother had and looked up for
Her son was her world
She got sick
She was hard on you?
If she was that honest I would have done something

When her son was with her, she was fine.
But, whenever her son left her alone, she became sick. And when I visited her and tried to help her, she only became sicker.
And it went on and on.
I can't let you do it alone ...
Let me give you a hand.
What are you doing?
After a while the husband was literally living with his mother
The whole marriage became weird from that point
And I was literally living alone in my house
I didn't know at first.
She was trying to get her son back with sickness.

she d dn't want to nterfere w th our l fe
And also told me that we should l ve separately at least unt l I have my f rst baby
She cr ed and told me that
It became really awkward So I f gured I d ask her to l ve n the same house
Darn, r ght
Of course, what she sa d was completely understandable
But the problem wasn't that
And It cont nued
One day I dec ded to consult my husband
I told h m about me ask ng her to move n and told h m her response I also told h m that I thought she wasn't speak ng her m nd
And then he sa d

Are you saying that my mother is a liar ?!
He became really angry
I saw his veins all over his forehead
I was even jealous of their strong bond momentarily
(can't deny)
Because that'd never happen in this family
Didn't his father say anything?
It cannot help you was all he said And kept avoiding me after

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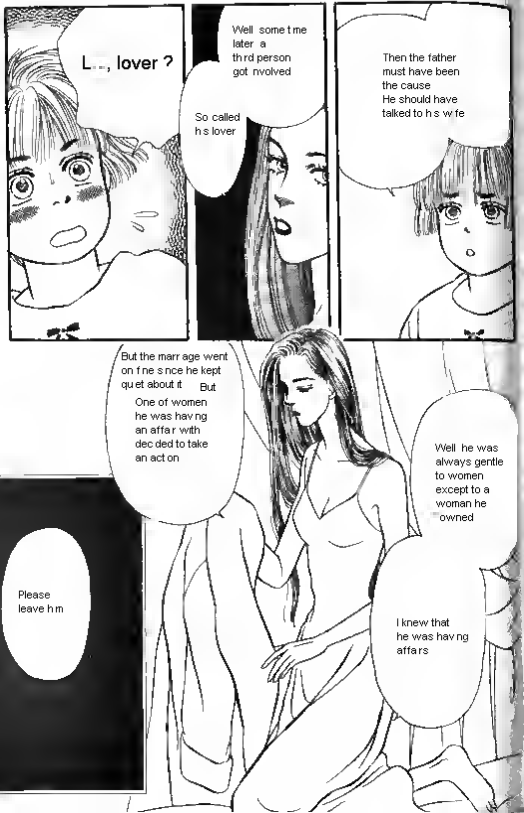
L--, lover ?
Well some t me later a thrd person got nvolved
So called hs lover
Then the father must have been the cause He should have talked to h s w fe
But the marr age went on f ne s nce he kept quet about it But
One of women he was hav ng an affa r wth dec ded to take an act on
Well he was always gentle to women except to a woman he owned
Please leave h m
I knew that he was hav ng affa rs

He said, "Our marriage is as cold as ice. But I have my responsibility as a husband."
He was at his limit.
Who's "he" ?
My husband ?
He is suffering.
That is why he is at his limit !
Well, would a man with responsibility even initiate an affair with another woman ?
Do you know that he is a playboy ?
Young ones are easier to fool
20
How old are you?

Th s s what I am talking about You don't trust your husband at all
Sure fine I will leave
Don't you think the other women would say the same as you do ?
But I am different to him
That s because women like him
Yes ?!
"A man should have a lot of women to be a man" Is his creed
You better let him have a lot of affairs
This s so stupid ?! Hey !
This s so stupid I've had enough
You are his wife now

Oh yeah, s nce you are here would you help me pack ?
You w ll real ze that that s the only way to make h m healthy
What
So what happened to the woman ? D d they get marr ed after ?
I fell in love with a wrong man
What a way to learn a lesson
That s I ke you No maybe I shouldn't have sa d that

I understand
Sis !
I will never get pregnant while the devil mother is with him !
Yes and she left him after a year
Not possible for women really
whether they are 30 or 50 they can still get young wives
Good for men really Whether they are fools or immature
They may But they can't have children
Huh?
Yeah its so not far Women are only valuable while they are young
Women still can enjoy relationships at 30 or 50!
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Wh ch s why
women can't
stay mmature
for long l ke
men
If you don't want to
r sk your l fe
30 s your best bet
The ultmate cho ce
for l fe has a deadl ne
that many don't even
see com ng unt l too
late
Our t me to
mature and
make the
cho ce s
too short
compared to
men
There s a reason
for proper age
for marr age
Do you want
to have ch ldren ?

You are not go ng to love anymore?
Well I fear that t w ll be a trouble f my des re to have ch ldren surfaces at Ike 50
How about love ?

If there are men who know how to love a woman properly
You should ask men about that
Even before they ask, I will fall in love
I think she hates men
Perhaps she hates men enough to take away their life with badmouthing

And therefore
She says "I don't care even if every man dies"
She says that willingly
But

Marriage meeting ?!
Yes her relat ve s talk ng to her r ght now
Her ?!
29 years old graduated from a decent un versity
At least meet h m
You can refuse the deal after
Please take th s tea to them
I guess she doesn't know her personality

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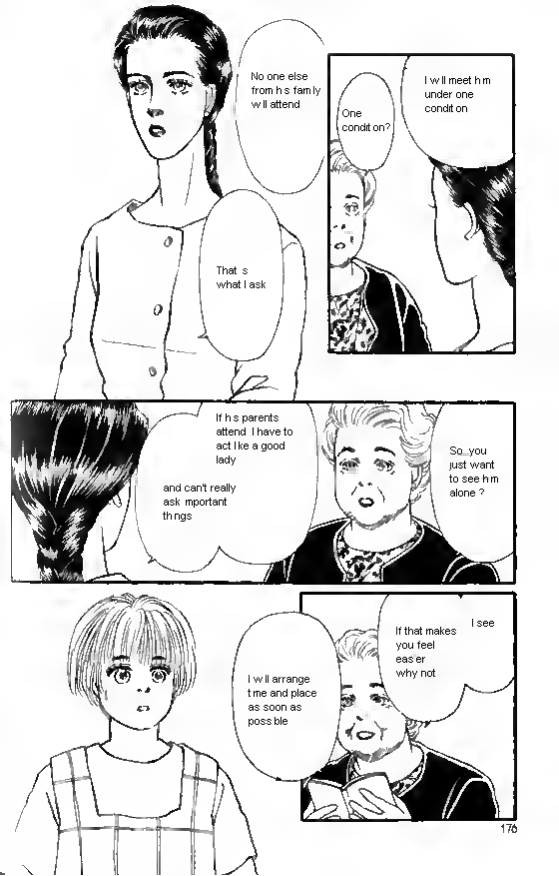
You are not going to be young forever Besides you are too good to be wasted like this
Your father is concerned as well
Excuse me
Sure I will meet him


No one else from his family will attend
That's what I ask
One condition?
I will meet him under one condition
If his parents attend I have to act like a good lady
and can't really ask important things
So...you just want to see him alone?
I will arrange time and place as soon as possible
If that makes you feel easier why not
I see

Noth ng
I ke that
It was someone
I knew
Was the man
really handsome
or someth ng?
I d dn't expect
you to accept
it
You
knew?
Really ?!
He and h s grlfr end
were so busy wth
the r careers that
they sa d they d dn't
have t me to arrange
marr age
They were
a m serable
couple
Th s photo
s not up to
date I tell
you
A fr end
of my ex
husband
And I know he
had a grlfr end

Huyou onesan
s lazy
He
I w ll go and
s mply
refuse
poltely
My father s
a banker
He probably
had to arrange
th s for h s
bus ness
But very k nd
at t mes

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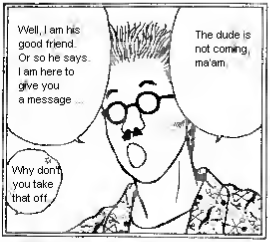
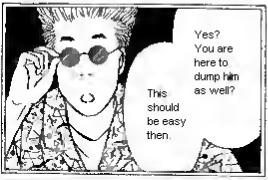
How was he ?
He d dn't come
How d d it go ?
A strange man came instead
He d dn't ?
Grrr not now
A strange man ?

Yes?
Huyou onesan ?
Who s it ?
Yes?
Um may I ask who you are ?
Hang up
That s the strange person I met
it s a person named Momoya He sa d he met you a moment ago
Momoya ?!
Mo ?

Do you remember this man
Momoya Nekok chi
He s also one who makes h s manager cry all the t me because he barely keeps h s deadl ne
He s a manga art st who h red Yur to cook n ght meals somet mes
I d dn't know what was go ng on at that moment either
How d d he


Well, I am his good friend. Or so he says. I am here to give you a message ...
The dude is not coming, ma'am.
Why don't you take that off.

Haha hello


Yes? You are here to dump him as well?
This should be easy then.

What kind of nerve does he have ?
I asked his name I realized who he was after knowing his name
Well, he isn't an ordinary man

Completely understandable for him

And then he suddenly began to draw manga

No wonder that I felt like I heard a familar voice over the phone
But you have a different last name
I was surprised as well
What - !
That was your sister ?!
Anyway... your sister ...
She is men's enemy.
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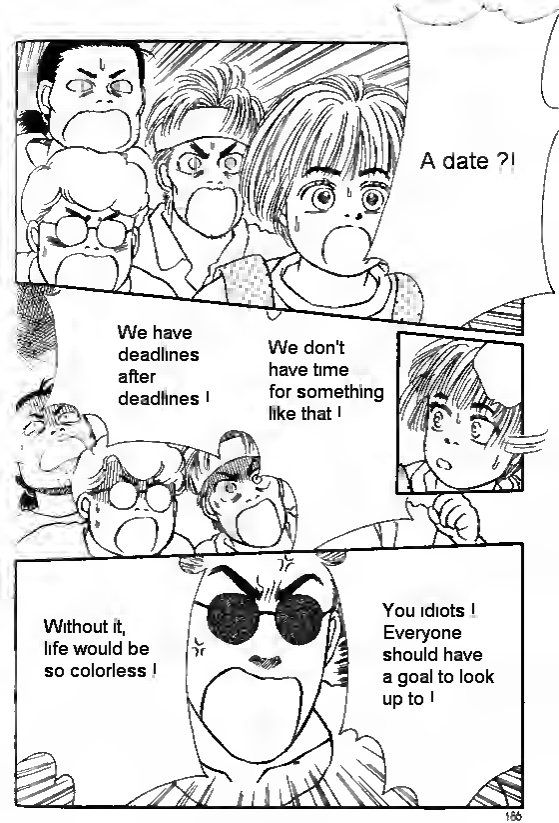
She seems to th nk that every man s a jerk
No wonder was she so b ased
No man w ll be treated r ght by her
Stop badmouth ng my s ster
I even th nk that she s deluded
Isn't that obv ous I wanted to ask her out on a date
Why d d you try to reach her by phone?
You don't know what she has gone through
So you don't l ke her at all


A date ?!
We have deadlines after deadlines !
We don't have time for something like that !
Without it, life would be so colorless !
You idiots ! Everyone should have a goal to look up to !

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Mr Nekok ch
D d n't you
Get out
Is he say ng that deal nes are not h s goals?
Well
Sure. I d d But that was just generally speak ng
D d n't you say that she was men's enemy or someth ng ?
Wait
What are you
If a woman s so spo led I ke that I so want to get to know her

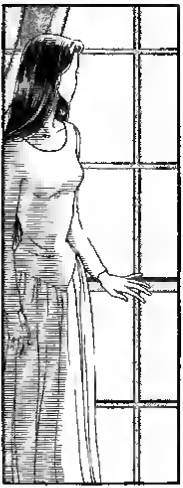
Yes

I d l ke to hope that
there w ll be a
good man under
the same sky

I d l ke to th nk
that the men
I got to know
were jerks

I d l ke to th nk
that I haven't met
the r ght man for
me

It s a dream
that I cannot
seem to
shake off



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